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Katheryn Gualtieri
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Dear Ms. Gualtieri:

On February 22, 1988, Ora Kay Peterson of the Mineral King Preservation Society addressed you requesting a "preliminary review" meeting with your staff to review MKPS research and discuss the feasibility of a research grant.

The National Park Service would like to go on record as supporting the efforts of the Society to develop a better understanding of the cultural resources preserved within the Mineral King area of Sequoia National Park. We also support the concept of a Mineral King Historic District containing the major sites and remaining structures associated with the Mineral King silver rush.

We differ with the Society, however, in our perceptions of the significance of the cabin communities remaining in the area in question. Preliminary research undertaken by the Service in 1979 and 1980 caused us to conclude that the cabins did not have significance. We do, of course, look forward to receiving the additional information being developed by the Society, and will consider it as we prepare our cultural resource recommendations for this area. For all these reasons we support the Society's efforts to obtain a research grant, and hope that your office will also do so.

Sincerely,

(SGD) JOHN H. DAVIS

John H. Davis
Superintendent
cc: Ora Kay Peterson,

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